

Today

The Imperial Wizard Sues.
Keeping Out Prosperity.
Two Names That All Know.
How Many Is a "Few?"

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Col. William Joseph Simmons, more widely and profitably known as "Imperial Wizard" of the Ku Klux Klan, will sue for one million dollars a newspaper that says he is in the Ku Klux business for base profit. To sue a Ku Klux you must pay ten dollars and take your oath. Nothing unusual in that except the cheapness.

According to the sued newspaper, the object of the Ku Klux is "extermination of Catholics, Jews and negroes." That is quite a program.

As regards the Jews it has been tried without intermission by various agencies for more than 2,000 years, but it always dies out and the Jews go ahead. The Jews explain their survival by the fact that they are a chosen people. Common sense explains it on the ground that they are a thinking, persevering people.

Italian workers in thousands are returning to Italy to wait for good times to come back here. When they came away the lira was worth 20 cents. Now it is worth one-quarter of that amount. They will live in luxury on their savings over there—\$1 is worth 20 lire.

The Jewish welfare organization is raising \$1,000,000 to divert Jewish migration to South America, now that it is shut out here under the new immigration laws.

The loss of Italians going away and of Jews excluded is among the really big losses this country is sustaining, although wise statesmen do not know it.

Once Portugal and Spain drove out the Jews. Those countries went promptly to the bottom of the class, and are still there. Holland and then England welcomed the Jews, and prospered as they had never done.

A million more Jews here would mean more prosperity for everybody. They do not merely earn money; they CREATE wealth and values. And when they have made money they put it in circulation.

They MAKE and they SPEND. They understand distribution and production, and apart from their mental contributions to a country's greatness, they constantly stimulate and increase its business and industrial activity.

To send to South America Jewish immigration that would have come here is to build up South America and injure this country's growth.

Mr. Fatty Arbuckle and Mr. Charlie Chaplin figure in the news. With these two gentlemen it is only necessary to announce their names. If you have ten million readers, more than 9,999,000 will know all about Arbuckle and Chaplin.

There are gathered in New York now the greatest chemists of the world, and if you printed all their names, not one would be recognized or identified by 1 per cent of your ten million.

"For fifty dollars I can have any man in New York killed," said the late "Big Tim" Sullivan, popular statesman, explaining to this writer why he had introduced his bill to forbid owning pistols and to eliminate the constitutional provision about the right to bear arms. In New York yesterday a professional criminal confessed to twenty murders. Thirty dollars is a fair price for a killing among the "professionals."

It is a comparatively safe profession. For every detective will tell you that it is difficult, usually impossible, to identify a murderer when there is no personal motive in the killing. "Who hated the dead man?" detectives usually ask, then find the murderer in the hater.

When killing is done for profit, or in insanity, crime remains mysterious. All London's detectives never could find Jack the Ripper. He had no personal motive in his killing.

The international question now is, will the Allies kill the German golden geese that has just laid her first one billion mark gold egg, or will that goose be allowed to get her financial breath and go on laying other gold eggs, slowly. It is probable that the old story will be repeated.

To remedy the desperate German situation, certain of the highest brow type suggest the poet Hauptmann for president. That ought to give the golden goose her finishing touch. Poets and artists are made to inspire, not to govern. Consider Faderewski in Poland.

"Science Explains
Why Rich Heiresses
Marry Chauffeurs and
Stable Boys."

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FINANCIAL

D. C. Movies Threaten to Bar 'Fatty's' Films

ARBUCKLE'S WIFE RUSHES TO AID

Bolling Quits Shipping Board

First Picture Of The
Dead Actress
Miss Rappe, Her Fiance,
And Alleged Slayer

'OF COURSE HE DIDN'T DO IT,' SHE DECLARES

Old Love, Now Separated From
Film Star, Wires She'll
Help Jailed Mate.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—Is the actress Minta Durfee, known in private life as Mrs. Roscoe Arbuckle, to become a lady errand, rushing to the defense of her knight in distress?

Offers Aid in Telegram.

This would appear from a telegram received yesterday at Arbuckle's home on West Adams street here. The message from the comedian's wife said that she was prepared to speed from New York to give "Fatty" all the help she can. She added that anyone who knows her husband "knows he is innocent."

Arbuckle's secretary, when giving out this dispatch, denied a report that Arbuckle had been married within the last few months. She said that he and Minta Durfee were still married. It has been rumored that after he made a success on the screen, "Fatty" told his wife, with whom he had first played at Long Beach, that he was "through with her."

Wife Not in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Minta Durfee, (Mrs. Arbuckle), known in New York city today. Her sister, with whom she lives, said that Miss Durfee had gone away several days ago and did not expect to return until next Saturday.

Attorney Nathan Burkan, who represented Miss Durfee, said she and Arbuckle were not divorced, but had entered a legal separation several years ago. By this agreement, Mr. Burkan said, Arbuckle pays his wife a very "generous yearly allowance."

Arbuckle to Face Judge on Charge Of Murder Today

By ELLIS H. MARTIN.

International News Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Roscoe Conklin Arbuckle, falstaff of the movies, today faced a charge of murder in open court.

Moving with unexpected swiftness, District Attorney Matthew Brady ordered Arbuckle's case placed on the calendar for today.

He was scheduled for arraignment before Police Judge O'Brien.

Following arraignment on the formal charge of having murdered Miss Virginia Rappe, "fast dressed woman in the movies," who died after a party in the movie comedian's room a week ago and after an alleged assault by Arbuckle, it was expected that delay of the preliminary hearing would be asked pending action by the grand jury which meets tonight.

Counsel Move in Secret.

Counsel for Arbuckle were in conference early today, but their rigidly enforced rule of silence was followed, so it could not be learned what moves they contemplate today to bring about the freedom of their client.

It was considered possible they might demand a preliminary hearing upon arraignment in an effort to force the testimony of the State into the open.

The District Attorney Matthew Brady made the formal statement: "The evidence in my possession shows conclusively either that an assault or an attempted assault was perpetrated upon Miss Virginia Rappe by Roscoe Arbuckle. Section 189 of the penal code provides that the taking of a human life by any person in the commission of an assault or an attempted assault is murder in the first degree."

Will Fight for Punishment.

"I desire to state that I will spare no effort to punish the perpetrator of this atrocious crime, although I know I will be opposed by the cleverest lawyers and the greatest influence money can purchase."

The opposing forces in the case locked horns with the booking of Arbuckle on the murder charge shortly after midnight Sunday morning.

Arbuckle had arrived here from Los Angeles in his custom-made

LASKER TO OIL BLAST NAME NEW ROCKS CITY TREASURER OF HALIFAX

Resignation of Wilson's Brother-in-Law to Be Followed by Reorganization.

R. W. Bolling, treasurer of the United States Shipping Board and brother-in-law of former President Wilson, has submitted his resignation to Chairman A. D. Lasker, effective as soon as his successor is appointed, it was announced today.

Follows Bidwell's Quitting.

Mr. Bolling's resignation follows that of O. B. Bidwell, assistant controller of the board, who resigned on September 1. Mr. Bolling has been treasurer of the Shipping Board since May 1, 1920.

A complete reorganization of the auditing and financing section of the Shipping Board will be made with the return to Washington tomorrow of Commissioner J. W. Powell, one of the new members of the board to whom Chairman Lasker has entrusted that work. Mr. Powell, it was said today, has been in New York for the last week making arrangements to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Mr. Bidwell and Mr. Bolling.

It was also said by Chairman Lasker that Commissioner Powell would probably announce a successor to Alonzo Tweedale, the present general comptroller of the board.

Tweedale to Be Replaced.

Although Mr. Tweedale's resignation had not yet been received by Chairman Lasker, he said it was understood when he became chairman of the board that this position, as well as those held by Mr. Bolling and Mr. Bidwell would be filled with men chosen by the new board.

"My resignation has been in the chairman's hands for some time," Mr. Bolling said today, "and was made effective whenever he desired it. The only reason I stayed as long as I did was to help the new board to straighten out its affairs, which I am sure the new chairman appreciates."

HOOVER REFUSES TO MOVE CONFERENCE FROM CAPITAL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 12.—"There is not a ghost of a chance for the national conference on unemployment to be held anywhere but at Washington," Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, a member of President Harding's vacation party, announced here today.

Secretary Hoover was asked by Atlantic City Hotel men to hold the conference here. Hoover replied that the proposed conference was "not to be a frolic, but a thing of serious business."

"It will be held at Washington, where there is every necessary for working purposes," he stated.

HER JAIL-CROWN BEARD MAY BE KEPT IN JAIL

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 12.—Cherishing a four-inch beard, which she had hoped would be the means of livelihood for herself and her five-year-old son, Mrs. Jennie Ferris was released from the New Castle county workhouse yesterday, only to face bitter disappointment.

She had hoped to resume her old profession as bearded woman in a circus.

But misfortune awaited her when the jail doors were opened. Unknown to her detainers had been lodged against her by the police of Millville, N. J., and Chester, Pa., and she must face charges in both places.

CANADIAN LABOR PARTY FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 12.—Organization of the newly formed Canadian labor party is under way. Its platform recently adopted here includes:

State insurance against unemployment chargeable to industry, public ownership of public utilities, proportional representation, old-age pension, nationalization of the banking system, capital levy for reduction of the war debt, removal of taxation on the necessities of life and taxation of land values.

'Fatty' Arbuckle's Wife, Who Believes Him Innocent



MINTA DURFEE,
Wife of "Fatty" Arbuckle, from
whom she is legally separated. She
will stand by her husband, believing
him innocent, and lend him every aid.

FATTY'S MOTHER TALKS OF CRIME OVER WASH-TUB

"Poor Boy, His Money Went to
His Head," Says Parent in
Poor Circumstances.

By International News Service.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 12.—"So Roscoe is charged with murder? I cannot but pity the poor boy. It was his money that did it. Too much money went to his head."

This was the statement today of Mrs. Mollie Arbuckle, stepmother of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, when she learned of the plight of the famous film comedian.

"He never had an education," Mrs. Arbuckle continued. "He never passed the fifth grade in school. I'm sorry for him, but if he is guilty, he should be punished. The crime, if such it was, is not to be excused."

Gives Interview at Wash. Tub.

The little mother of two blind daughters paused in her work of washing clothes for the "best families of San Jose," to tell of the early life of the film star.

"His father mistreated him terribly," she said. "Once I interfered and saved him from what I believe would have been a fatal beating at the hands of his father. But Roscoe owed me nothing. I only did what his mother would have done."

Some time ago, when Mrs. Arbuckle was sick, neighbors, against her will, wrote the film star and urged that he assist her. At that time he was quoted as saying: "Mollie Arbuckle never gave me a meal." This statement hurt Mrs. Arbuckle more than denial of aid.

She Praises Brothers.

For Harry and Arthur Arbuckle, Roscoe's two brothers, their stepmother had nothing but praise. "They are as good men as ever lived, and they have done for me as they would for their own mother," she said. "I feel so sorry that they must bear the shame of their brother's scandal."

Roscoe Arbuckle left the shelter of his stepmother's home in Santa Clara in 1904. He had lived there three years, neighbors said, and his departure was hastened by an injunction of his brother, Harry, to "get out and go to work." He went south and eventually landed in the movies. He was once employed in Santa Clara as a butcher boy.

ARBUCKLE FILMS TO BE BARRED

D. C. Producer Says Productions Here Would Be In-sult to Public.

Unless Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle succeeds in extricating himself from the tangled skein of circumstantial evidence in connection with the mysterious death of Virginia Rappe, the comedian's celebrated "million-dollar smile" will no longer grace the screens of Washington's theaters.

Insult to Decency.

Washington theater managers who have billed Arbuckle within the next month declared today it would be an insult to the decency of the film fans of the National Capital to show a movie in which the fat comedian plays a leading part.

Harry M. Crandall, owner of the chain of Crandall Theaters in Washington and vicinity, and, heretofore, one of the principal bookers of Arbuckle films in this city, said today that unless early developments in the Arbuckle case throw an entirely different light on last Monday's occurrences in the St. Francis Hotel at San Francisco, films starring the comedian would be banned from the screen in his theaters.

"While the Crandall organization does not wish to be placed in the position of prejudging Arbuckle as to his innocence or guilt in the death of Virginia Rappe," Mr. Crandall said, "it recognizes that the report published in the press of the evidence adduced since the young actress' death constitute one of the most repulsive crime stories ever printed, and in justice to its patrons it cannot continue the presentation of the Arbuckle films until definite facts in the case have been established."

Earliest Booking September 23.

Mr. Crandall said that his attitude and that of his executives "may not reasonably be interpreted to mean that Arbuckle is unequivocally banished from life Crandall screens," for the reason that the earliest booking of an Arbuckle film in a Crandall house is September 23.

Continuing, Mr. Crandall said: "If by that date, the screen comedian whose activities have taken on so tragic a note, is cleared of guilt by the evidence presented to the San Francisco authorities, it is possible that the Arbuckle contracts will be continued."

"On the other hand, if the reports current in the latest news dispatches are authenticated, and Arbuckle is found guilty of the charges tentatively lodged against him, patrons of the Crandall theaters will not be offered the affront of an Arbuckle subject upon the screen."

Last week an Arbuckle film, "Crazy to Marry," played to capacity houses at Loew's Palace Theater. Officials at the Palace today said they did not know if further Arbuckle productions would be given at that house, as the bookings all were made in New York. Mr. Loew is quoted in New York, however, as expressing the belief that Arbuckle is innocent.

Tom Moore, head of the Moore chain of theaters, made the following comment on the showing of Arbuckle films here:

"I never show Arbuckle pictures, and in the event of the recent occurrence, I never want to."

Largest Theater in World Puts Ban on Arbuckle's Comedies

By International News Service.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The notoriety occasioned by the death of Miss Virginia Rappe and the arrest of "Fatty" Arbuckle on a charge of murder aroused interest today along Broadway as to what effect the case would have regarding exhibiting his films in which Arbuckle is starred.

The Capitol, which is one of the largest movie theaters in the world, authorized this statement:

"We wouldn't touch his pictures now. The public wouldn't come to see his picture if exhibited."

Marcus Loew, owner of 300 motion picture theaters, said he believed Arbuckle innocent.

"I can't believe Arbuckle guilty or

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Above is Miss Virginia Rappe, the actress, who died following "Fatty" Arbuckle's gay party. Below, at the left, is Henry Lehrman, movie director and "first and last sacred love" of the actress, who says he would be tempted to kill Arbuckle if he saw him. Below, at the right, is Arbuckle in a silly comedy pose.

COPPERHEAD SNAKE SLAIN AS GARAGE DOOR CLOSES

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 12.—When William Sellers, of Isabella road, closed the door of his garage late Saturday night, he did not know that he had killed one big copperhead and that he had been walking perilously near another.

On opening the garage door yesterday, he discovered the head of a snake crushed between the door and the jamb. Inside he found another coiled near the oil tank. He killed it with a club. One of the deadly reptiles was thirty-four inches long and the other thirty-six.

YACHT AMERICA STARTS ON VOYAGE TO ANNAPOLIS

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Sept. 12.—In tow of a submarine chaser, the schooner yacht America, which first won the racing trophy that now bears its name, left here yesterday for Fall river, the next port to call on its voyage to Annapolis. There it is to be turned over to the Government for preservation at the Naval Academy.

Bells rang and persons on the wharves cheered as the famous yacht left its anchorage after a day's visit at the port that saw it frequently thirty years ago. A trip to Manchester had been arranged for yesterday, but was abandoned because of the thick weather.